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Forty-Ninth Anniversary

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⌘ JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, ⌘

—o—HELD WITH—o—

Pleasant Hill Church

September 10th, 11th and 12th, 1901.

Time and Place of next Meeting—Tuesday after the 2nd.
Lord's day in September, 1902. with Fellowship
Church, three miles east of Saltillo, Miss.

Fulton Herald Print.



OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

R. S. Thomas, Moderator,.....Plantersville, Miss.
 S. H. Turner, Clerk,.....Mantachie, Miss.
 J. A. Williams, Treasurer,.....Plantersville, Miss.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

Licentiates: L. B. Gandy, J. S. Hoverton, J. R. Gregory, Other
 Thornly and --Blount.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. J. Thomas,.....Abney, Miss.
 J. C. Lawhorn,.....Nettleton, Miss.
 S. S. Houston,.....Kirkville, Miss.
 W. H. Moore,.....Richmondlee, Miss.
 W. A. Reynolds,.....Mantachie, Miss.
 J. L. Ferguson,.....Nettleton, Miss.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Missions.....\$100 00
 Sunday Schools.....\$65 00
 Orphanage.....\$30 00
 Sustentation.....\$26 76
 Pastors' Salaries.....\$800 00
 Other expenses.....\$100 00

Total.....\$1121 00

Value of Church Property.....\$8000 00

The above is as near correct as I can get it.

CLERK.

MINUTES.

The Judson Baptist Association convened in its Forty-ninth session with the Church at Pleasant Hill, Sept. 10, 1901.

Eld. W. A. Reynolds preached the introductory from Philipians, first chapter and latter clause of twenty-seventh verse. A good sermon. Recess was taken for refreshment.

The Association came together at 12:30 o'clock by singing. The Moderator in the chair offered the opening prayer.

The churches were called and letters from the following churches were handed in, read and names of delegates enrolled, to-wit: Boughfala, B. F. Gregory, L. P. McCarty and Henry Gregory; Bethel, W. S. Sheffield, J. W. Summers and D. R. Bickerstaff with R. E. Summers alternate; Fellow Ship, Ely Bynum, H. C. Cruber and C. E. Long with W. T. McCauly alternate; Friendship, J. S. Howerton, G. W. Mears and Luther Barnett with Alma Mitchell alternate. Mantachie, W. A. Reynolds, J. B. Grimes and S. H. Turner with B. F. Chilcoat alternate; Mt. Vernon, T. H. Partin, D. B. George and J. W. Morgan with J. H. Grissom alternate; Oak Grove, H. C. Rushing, W. H. Leigh and G. W. Grissom with T. R. Nichols alternate; Pleasant Hill, W. M. Whitaker, H. Doty and A. D. Carr with Walker Cook alternate; Unity, A. J. Herring, J. T. Davidson and Sam Raper with Alfred Raper alternate; Center Hill, S. P. Harris, R. L. Birmingham and R. H. Rogers with L. B. Gandy alternate; Evergreen, C. C. Armstrong, C. G. Nabers and J. D. Beacham with J. W. Mullins alternate; Hopewell, W. J. Thomas, W. E. Morse and P. F. Wallace with B. E. Bourland alternate; Liberty, J. C. Lawhorn, D. M. Brown and S. A. Enloe; Plantersville, R. S. Thomas, R. I. Biggers and S. O. Williams with S. B. Thomas alternate; Richmond, W. H. Moore, P. J. Mattox and B. Lesley with T. A. Marshall alternate; Union Hill, J. D. Coggins, W. H. Minga and N. G. Harris with A. J. Hill alternate; New Bethel, W. A. Sloan and Joe Blake; Oak Hill, A. J. Wright and J. C. Coggins.

Permanent organization gone into; G. W. Patton and T. A. J. Beasley acting as tellers, with the following result: R. S. Thomas Moderator, S. H. Turner Clerk and J. A. Williams Treasurer. Called for petitionary letters, when one from New Bethel was handed in which was received, read the hand of fellowship extended and names of delegates enrolled. Called for correspondents. T. A. J. Beasley, A. F. Golden, G. E. Darling, W. R. Hampton, G. W. Wordlaw and J. M. Williams were present from West Judson; G. W. Potter from Aberdeen, and N. T. Clayton from the Tombigbee. All visitors invited to seats with us. At this point a petitionary letter was handed from Oak Hill, which was received, the hand of fellowship extended and names of delegates enrolled.

The following committees were appointed:

On Arrangements—W. A. Reynolds, L. B. Gandy and B. E. Bourland.

On Devotion—L. B. Gandy, B. Lesley and the deacons of the church.

On Fraternal Dead—J. D. Coggins, H. C. Rushing and H. C. Cruber.

On Mission—R. G. Biggers, S. H. Enloe and G. W. Mears.

On Ministerial Education—R. L. Birmingham, W. S. Sheffield and B. F. Gregory.

On Ministerial Support—W. S. Sheffield, P. F. Wallace and S. O. Williams.

On Orphanage—W. S. Sheffield, J. D. Coggins and S. H. Turner.

On Use of Intoxicating Liquors—J. A. Williams, C. G. Nabers and J. W. Morgan.

State of Religion—W. J. Thomas, S. A. Enloe and W. A. Sloan.

Finance—C. C. Armstrong, W. H. Leigh and J. D. Beacham.

Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning—P. J. Mattox R. L. Birmingham and W. M. Whitaker.

Manuscripts—J. W. Summers, H. Doty and J. T. Davidson.

JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. 3.

Publications—J. C. Lawhorn, D. R. Bickerstaff and J. L. Coggins.

Music—D. R. Bickerstaff, W. H. Minga and A. D. Carr.

Resolutions—W. A. Reynodds, N. G. Harris and S. P. McCarty.

Devotional Committee report that T. A. J. Beasley preach at 11 o'clock to-morrow. By motion adjourned. Prayer by J. C. Lawhorn.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11TH.

The Association came together at 8:30 o'clock and after devotional service of 30 minutes conducted by L. B. Gandy proceeded with business. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Eld. T. S. Baskens and W. M. Weatherly were received as correspondents from West Judson. The following report on arrangements was adopted: The body to meet at 8:30 o'clock A. M. and adjourn at 11 A. M.; meet at 1:30 P. M. and adjourn at 4:30 P. M., and observe the following order: 1, petitionary letters; 2, call for Correspondents; 3, invite visitors to seats with us; 4, appoint committee on arrangements; 5, devotional; 6, fraternal dead; 7, mission; 8, ministerial education; 9, ministerial support; 10, orphanage; 11, intoxicating liquors; 12, music; 13, state of religion; 14, finance; 15, institutions of learning; 16, publications; 17, manuscripts; 18, resolutions. Then 1st hear report of General Superintendent of Sunday Schools; 2nd appoint General Superintendent; 3rd locate next annual Meeting; 4th appoint some one to preach Introductory; 5th appoint Correspondents; 6th elect Executive Committee; 7th hear Treasurer's report, committees to report as near as practicable in the order of their appointment.

The General Superintendent of S. S. made the following report: The Sabbath School convention was held with the Sunday School at Richmond the third Lord's day and Saturday before in July. Address of welcome by S. P. Harris, response by R. S. Thomas. We had a good convention; thir-

teen schools were represented by letters and delegations. I think the interest in S. S. work is better than it has been for some years, but by no means as good as it should be. God speed the time when fathers and mothers may become more and more interested in Sunday School work. This I believe to be our duty. Our minds are too much engaged on worldly matters—greed to make money. Remember "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." We hope and pray that all the churches in the Judson Association will take the right view of the S. S. work and unite with us during the next year in establishing a S. S. in every church and thereby help to teach the Gospel to all people is my prayer, which, after remarks by Bro. R. L. Birmingham and others, was adopted. At this point Eld. R. A. Cockran, State Missionary, and W. A. Wilkerson from West Judson was received as correspondent. Bro. P. J. Mattox was re-elected S. S. Superintendent. Fellowship church was elected as the place for next meeting of the body and S. P. Harris was appointed to preach the introductory with Eld. W. H. Moore alternate. Correspondents were appointed as follows: West Judson, W. A. Reynolds, R. S. Thomas and S. H. Turner; To the Tombigbee, J. W. Morgan, S. H. Turner and W. S. Sheffield; To the Aberdeen, J. C. Lawhorn, P. J. Mattox, J. D. Coggins and B. E. Bourland; State Convention, R. S. Thomas; Southern Baptist Convention, S. P. Harris with L. B. Gandy alternate. Brethren J. A. Williams, W. S. Sheffield, P. J. Mattox, S. H. Turner and C. C. Armstrong were elected as the Executive Committee. By motion adjourned. During recess Eld. T. A. J. Beasley preached an able sermon from 1st Peter, 1st chapter and 5th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 1:30 o'clock Bro. R. L. Birmingham presented and read the following report on Ministerial Education: No one can farm or merchandise or

make a success of anything else without being educated or learned therein, and if it is necessary to be educated in temporal matters, how much more in spiritual things! We find in this age of the world so many different creeds and doctrines taught and so many people are being carried away with every wind of the doctrine, that it is more necessary for an educated ministry than in any age of the world, in order to simplify the Gospel. We find that the best educated preachers are the plainest spoken and most simple in their preaching. We believe in being called of God and then being educated, they can preach the Gospel so that any one can understand. Take the life and work of Paul, the plainest and most practical preacher that ever lived, he was educated. Spurgeon, Broadus Moody and Graves were all educated men. They were able to refute unsound doctrine and give the Gospel in its simplicity and purity which was, after remarks by Eld. N. T. Clayton and others, adopted.

Devotional Committee report that Eld. G. E. Darling will preach tonight and R. A. Cokran to-morrow at 11 A. M.

Bro. R. S. Biggers presented and read the following report on missions viz our Lord's great command while here on earth just before he left the world was, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This command was given by our Lord, and we as his servants should go. We can't all go in person but we can go in spirit by praying for others to go and giving our means to send them. This command is just as binding on us to-day as it was at the time it was given. It did not end with the Apostles. It was given that the world might be decipled or made followers of Christ. Every since the days of the Apostles it has been obeyed but not to the extent it should be.

Brethren, may we all be as zealous as Paul and our Godly Cary and Judson. May the Lord increase the spirit of mis-

sion in our midst, may we endeavor to support Associational Home, State and foreign missions, which was, after remarks by Eld. R. A. Cokran and others, adopted.

Bro. J. D. Coggins read the following report on Fraternal Dead: Since our last annual meeting we find that the following Brethren and sisters have been called from our midst:

Pleasant Hill—Brethren J. L. Pearce and John Massey and sisters Ida Emmerson and Lambert. Hopewell—sisters W. J. Martin, Martha Morse and Johnson. Liberty—sisters Frost and E. Sullivan. Mantachie—sister M. J. Tackett. Plantersville—M. E. Biggers, C. P. Sparks. Boughfala—sister S. A. Comer. While we mourn the death of our Brethren and Sisters we realize that our loss is their gain. Which, after remarks by R. S. Thomas, was adopted.

Bro. W. H. Moore read the following report on Manuscripts: We find that our Union will meet with the church at Liberty on Friday before the first Lord's day in August 1902. Subjects and persons to write:

Should we consider the teaching of our Savior mentioned in the 18th chapter of Matthew, the rule for dealing with Drunkenness, Swearing, Reveling and such like sins? —W. H. Moore.

Is the Lord's Supper a Church Ordinance?—P. J. Mattox

When is a Church in Order to Take the Lord's Supper? —W. A. Reynolds.

What is the Work of the Deacons?—B. Lesley.

Was the Commission to Preach the Gospel Given to any Other People but the Baptists?—J. A. Williams.

S. S. Houston to preach the Introductory, W. H. Moore alternate. Adopted.

By motion adjourned till 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Benediction by Eld. W. H. Moore.

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 12TH.

The Association came together at 9 A. M., after a season of prayer Bro. P. J. Mattox was called to the chair, the Moderator being detained at home on account of sickness of

his wife. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Bro. W. S. Sheffield read the following report on Ministerial Support: The Bible teaches us that the laborer is worthy of his hire, therefore we believe that the Baptists are duty bound to support their ministers. The Scriptures teach that they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. Brethren, this is an important question and should be well considered by every child of God. It is a lamentable fact that we, as Baptists, fail to appreciate the benefits and blessings that would result from a liberal support of our pastors and other ministers that are working in the vineyard of our Lord. We urge each and every individual member to awake to a full sense of their duty on this line. Especially do we urge our deacons to present this matter of ministerial support to their churches, educate our people, teach them that the Lord loves a cheerful giver and that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Brethren, let us pray God that He will put in the hearts of His children to support their ministers as the Lord has prospered them, which, after remarks by several Brethren, was adopted. At this point \$26.76 was contributed to Eld. W. J. Thomas.

Bro. J. A. Williams made the following report as treasurer:

Amt. from former Treasurer (J. M. Armstrong)	\$13.65
Associational Mission	\$1.70
State Mission	\$8.00
Home Mission	\$21.73
Foreign Mission	\$18.20
Orphanage	\$1.85
Minute Fund	\$13.65
Public Collection	\$10.91
Total	\$88.09

The public collection was equally divided between State, Home and Foreign missions. All the above amounts have been properly paid and vouches presented.

Amount on hand for Associational missions \$1.10, which was adopted.

Bro. W. S. Sheffield made the following report on Or.

phanage: The orphanage at Jackson, Miss., was opened for the reception of white orphan children on the 12th day of May, 1897. Since that time and up to June 1st, 1901, 96 children have been received, five have died, have left. Most of them have found good homes in private families. Fifty are now in the orphanage. They have to be fed and clothed and educated. Bro. L. S. Foster, the Superintendent depends entirely on voluntary contributions for their support. Trusting alone in the promises of God that he will be a father to the fatherless, for pure religion and undefiled before God is to visit the fatherless in their afflictions. We, your Committee, have raised and sent for the orphanage about \$30 and we urge the Pastors and Brethren to help us in this good work. We recommend that the churches take regular collections for the same, which was adopted.

Bro. J. A. Williams read the following report on Use of Intoxicating Liquors: We think that the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is one of the greatest evils of the day and that it has done more harm than all the wars of all the Nations put together. All the crimes that come before the courts of our country are caused by the use of drink. Our Local Option Law is good enough if it was executed but it seems that the officers of the law take but little notice of what is going on in the country and the blind tiger business has gotten to be very common all over the country. Brethren, it certainly is the duty of God's children when they go to the ballot box to vote for men to fill the various offices of the County and the State, to vote for men who are not in sympathy with the whiskey traffic. The man that is in sympathy with the whiskey business is just as guilty in the eyes of God as the man who sells the stuff. Brethren, under God, we should use our best efforts to suppress the use of liquor and should teach our children the evil that it does. Therefore, let us call upon our Heavenly Father and Christ, our Savior, and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, to help us in the work. Brethren, in conclusion, we would say

touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing, which was, after remarks by Rev. J. A. Williams and others, adopted. The Moderator came in at 10 o'clock and took the chair. The Association adjourned at 11 o'clock for preaching. During recess Eld. R. A. Cokran preached an able sermon from Romans, 5th chapter, 1st and 2nd verse. A collection of \$16.55 in cash and \$7 by subscription was taken for State Mission.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came together at 1:30 o'clock. By motion instruct Treasurer Williams to turn the \$1.10 Associational Mission Fund that he has on hand over to Bro. R. A. Cokran, as State Mission Fund.

Bro. C. C. Armstrong read the following report on Finance: Boughfala, foreign mission \$1.35, home \$1.15, minutes \$1.30; Bethel, minutes \$1.00; Fellowship, 55 cts. for minutes; Friendship, 90 cts. minutes; Mantachie, \$1.00 for minutes, 25 cts. foreign and 25 cts. home mission; Mt. Vernon, 60 cents for minutes; Oak Grove, 35 cents foreign, 40 cents home, 40 cts. State mission, 95 cts. for orphanage and \$1.00 for minutes; Pleasant Hill, \$3.00 home mission, \$1.35 for minutes; Unity, 45 cts. for minutes; Ballardsville, 30 cts. for minutes; Center Hill, \$5.10 foreign mission and \$1. for minutes; Evergreen, 25c foreign, 25 cts. home mission, and \$1.50 for minutes; Hopewell, \$1.15 for minutes; Liberty, 85 cents for minutes; Plantersville, \$7.00 foreign, \$7. home and \$7. State mission and \$1.50 for minutes; Richmond, 55 cts. foreign, 55 cts. home mission and 90 cts. for minutes; Union Hill, \$2.25 foreign, \$2.25 home, \$2.25 State mission, \$2.25 orphanage and \$1.10 for minutes; Oak Hill, 40 cts. for minutes; New Bethel, 50 cts. for minutes; Totals Foreign \$17.10; Home \$14.85; State \$9.65; Orphanage \$3.20; Minutes \$17.55, Grand Total \$62.15, which was adopted.

Bro. R. L. Birmingham read the following report on Publication for J. C. Lawhorn: We first recommend the study of God's Word. We also recommend our own State

paper, The Baptist, The Foreign Mission Journal, The Home Field and The Orphan Gem, and for S. S. work The Southern Baptist Convention Series, and all sound Baptist papers, which was adopted.

Eld. W. J. Thomas read the following report on State of Religion: We learn from the reading of the letters, that nearly all the churches composing our body have enjoyed precious revivals and have had considerably in gatherings. The churches seem to be strengthened and encouraged to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints." There are a few of our churches, however, that seem to be in a luke-warm state. They are neither going forward nor backward, but are at a standstill. However, we have great reason to rejoice that so many have been added to our churches during last year. We believe that the state of religion in the bounds of our Association is good, for which we thank God and take courage, which was, after remarks by Bro. G. E. Darling and others, adopted. The Association bowed and returned thanks to God for what He had done for us during the last year.

Bro. A. Pharr read the following report on Music: We are confident that singing when properly conducted, is a part of the worship of God, hence we should encourage singing in all our churches. We believe each church should have an organized choir, yet we do not believe any restrictions should be placed on congregational singing, for this is one part of worship in which we can all take part. We are all looking for a time when praying and preaching will cease, but we are taught in God's word that singing goes on forever. Hence we will say as did the poet: "Let those refuse to sing who never knew the our God; But children of the Heavenly King, sing his praise abroad," which, after remarks by S. P. Harris and others, adopted.

S. P. Harris read, for P. J. Mattox, the following report on Institutions of Learning: Never was there a time when evil and wickedness was greater than it is at this time

throughout America. Never was there a time in the history of humanity when it was more highly important for every Christian man and woman to do all in their power to elevate the minds of the young people of our country to a higher plane of Christian living. Dear Brethren, let us be on our guard and when we have an opportunity, let us say something to the young people of our country that will be calculated to elevate their minds in a spiritual sense. Lost opportunities are like the snowflake that falls in the ocean, once white, but then forever gone. We would recommend highly Mississippi College for young men and Blue Mountain Female College for young ladies; not only these, but we have many other good schools, and we should take advantage of every opportunity that God has given us to improve the minds of those He has committed to our care. We will soon have to turn over our places of honor and trust to the young. After remarks by Eld. R. A. Cokran and others, was adopted.

By motion, continue the same committee on Orphanage, viz: W. S. Sheffield, J. D. Coggins and S. H. Turner.

Bro. W. S. Sheffield offered for Bro. N. J. Harris the following Resolution of thanks, viz.: Resolved That this body tender its heart-felt thanks to this church and community for their kind hospitality shown us during this session of the body, which was adopted.

Bro. S. P. Harris offered the following Resolutions; first, Resolved, That the Pastors within our Association be requested to preach to and train the churches under their charges in the way of sustaining the cause of missions with their prayers and contributions, and that collections be made monthly or quarterly for this purpose. Second, Resolved, That the ministers of this Association urge their members to take "The Baptist," the State paper, which was adopted.

At this point, Bro. W. S. Sheffield made a nice talk on the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss.

By motion, adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the 2nd

Lord's day in Sept. 1902, with the church at Fellowship.

A song was sung and the parting hand given. The closed the Forty-ninth session of the Judson Association a good session.

S. H. TURNER, Clerk.

R. S. THOMAS, Mod.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the United Baptist churches in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letter from the following Associations, viz: Aberdeen, Chickasaw and Bear Creek, have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the Order and Rules of Association, according to the following plan:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.

ARTICLE 2. The letters from the churches are to express number of white male and female members; number of colored members; time of meeting; number of Baptists received by letter; restored; dismissed by letter; excluded; dead; since last Association; the name of pastor and postoffice.

ARTICLE 3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be known as the Judson Association, who shall have no power to lose God's heritage or to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches of the Union, but shall be an advisory council for the common benefit of all the churches, and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the Union, who may depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel, either in faith or practice. [The fundamental principles we adopt and believe may be seen in our statement.]

ARTICLE 4. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every hundred members above one hundred. Should any church neglect to present herself, she shall state the reason in her letter to the next Association.

ARTICLE 5. New churches may be admitted to this body who petition by letter and delegates. If found to be sound in the faith and in good order the reception thereof to be manifested by the moderator giving the right hand.

ARTICLE 6. This Association shall be governed by Rules of Decorum of their own adoption.

ARTICLE 7. This Association shall annually elect a moderator from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association of all questions properly brought before it. Also a Clerk shall be elected whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the acts of the Association.

ART. 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it shall have made an effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

ART. 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, which shall be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches, sent by their delegates, which money shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money received by him as treasurer.

ART. 10. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismissals of churches, which shall be unanimous.

ART. 11. The Association will correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach an introductory sermon, with an alternate, at each succeeding session; also the time and place for the next Association.

ART. 13. No charge will be received against any church in our union, only when established by a sister church.

ART. 14. This constitution may be altered or amended at any time by two-thirds of the churches composing the body.

ART. 15. Minutes to be read adopted and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association finally adjourn.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God; that these three persons in this one God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit; and this triune God is the only object of all religious worship and idolatry and abomination in his sight.

3rd. We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition, that by the fall he lost his original righteousness and became both sinful and depraved and as a natural consequence that all his posterity by ordinary genera-

tions, are involved in all the consequences of his fall.

4th. We believe that man by nature, has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition; and that unless God Himself has provided a way of salvation, all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because they have all sinned.

5th. We believe that God has provided a way of salvation, and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of His Son, that this way of salvation was adopted in the eternal council before the foundation of the world according to which God saves sinners through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

6th. We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of himself to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being; and that all his hope of pardon, sanctification, justification and redemption, is derived alone through the merits of Christ.

7th. We believe Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, is the only mediator between God and man; that he first became our surety, and in the fullness of time and sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that He makes before the Throne in our behalf, is built upon His own and all atoning sacrifice, and perfect righteousness before God.

8th. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity, is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition; and in making the Gospel plain and acceptable to him.

9th. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the righteousness of Christ which is an all, and upon all whom that believe.

10th. We believe that all who are called to be saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, shall be eternally saved.

11th. We believe that Christ churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of change in heart, and who have been regularly baptised.

12th. We believe that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man, or number of men distinct from the body, but that it is left to the whole church.

13th. We believe that the first day of the week, called the Lord's day, is sanctified or set apart for the public worship of God, and that it is the day for Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation or labor, except so much as may be devoted to works of necessity or mercy.

14th. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the

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Gospel for the edification of the church, and the advancement of His Kingdom that is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry of God in His providence may give them ability.

15th. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His church, viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper; that Baptism is immersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that the believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that Baptism precedes the Lord's Supper and none but regularly baptised ministers have any right to administer them.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present by private ballot.

Art. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal is made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

Art. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be open for discussion unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays and if a call for division be made it shall be decided by members rising.

Art. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflections.

Art. 7. No one shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Art. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

Art. 9. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct and absentees marked; any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

Art. 10. The appellation of brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

Art. 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator but only the day the breach shall have been made.

Art. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules whenever a majority deem necessary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Received	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Day of Meeting
Boughfala	W. H. Moore	Mooresville	2	2			1	1	60	2nd
Bethel	W. A. Reynolds	Dorsey	10	6	1	7			121	2nd
Fellowship	W. N. Swain	Saltillo	19	3	2				54	4th
Friendship	W. F. Davis	Guntown	2	1		4		2	63	4th
Mantachie	W. A. Reynolds	Mantachie	10	2		5	2	1	96	3rd
Mt. Vernon	Joe Farish								48	3rd
Oak Grove	W. A. Reynolds	Ratliff	17	5	3	5			123	1st
Pleasant Hill	S. W. Price	Tulip	13	3	1	3	2	4	104	4th
Shiloh		Kirkville							22	
Unity	W. F. Davis	Longville	7	1					46	2nd
Ballardsville		Ballardsville							42	
Center Hill	G. W. Potter	Plantersville	19			1			61	4th
Evergreen	W. N. Swain	Evergreen	12	1					47	2nd
Hopewell	W. A. Reynolds	Abney	22		2	6	1	3	164	4th
Liberty	W. H. Moore	Nettleton				7	3	2	89	3rd
Plantersville	W. N. Swain	Plantersville	4					2	44	1st
Richmond	W. H. Moore	Richmondlee	20					5	60	3rd
Union Hill	S. P. Harris	Allensburg	15	1		11			57	3rd
Oak Hill	J. A. Osburn	Verona	1						9	1st
New Bethel	J. C. Lawhorn	Boland	11						13	4th
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